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Dear Tribal Representative:

This is to let you know that Idaho Medicaid intends to submit a renewal application for the 1915(b) waiver for the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan which is effective September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2015. We intend to submit the renewal application no later than May 31, 2015.

Idaho Medicaid contracted with a single, statewide managed care entity, Optum Health, to enhance the delivery of services needed to diagnose and treat mental health and substance use disorders under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan. They are required to contract with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) offering mental health services.

Idaho Medicaid's development of the proposed renewal application to the waiver will be reviewed as part of the Policy Update at the next quarterly Tribal meeting scheduled for May 28, 2015. Idaho Medicaid is interested in receiving your comments, questions or suggestions relating to this change. Should you have questions about this letter or the upcoming waiver renewal submission, please contact Ms. Arlee Coppinger, Alternative Care Coordinator, at (208) 364-1958 or CoppingA@dhw.idaho.gov prior to April 20, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LH', followed by a long horizontal line.

LISA HETTINGER
Administrator

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